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OIL AND GAS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS GO ONLINE

"The job's not finished until the paperwork is done," is one of those tired clichés that rings all too true for the oil and gas industry. A new online reporting system, Utah eReport, won't eliminate reporting requirements, but it will reduce the burden of a paper-based chore.

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has now instituted the new electronic reporting system through its website. Currently eight oil and gas companies are testing and using eReport to report oil and gas production and disposition, gas plant operations, and underground injection volumes. Utah eReport will significantly reduce the need for data entry within the division.

"This is the culmination of nearly three years of development and is a great leap forward in gathering and maintaining essential data," said Division Director John Baza. "Oil and gas operators will now be able to streamline their process of getting that information to us, saving time, and perhaps money, for all concerned."

The system was developed under the leadership of the Ground Water Protection Council with funding from the U.S. Department of Energy and with input from many oil and gas producing states. The Ground Water Protection Council is making the system available to any state that is interested. Utah was one of the original program development locations.

When a report is submitted online, it passes through approximately 28 database validation checks before the data is accepted. Any error that is detected is immediately noted to the operator for correction, thus eliminating a tedious process of back-and-forth communication between the division and operators.

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